

Communications/Consultation

Fall 2010 to December 2011



Objectives

- ✓ Fulfill legislative and regulatory consultation requirements for the development of the source protection plan and updated assessment report
- ✓ Ensure two way communications between stakeholders and the SPC
- ✓ Promote Ontario Drinking Water Stewardship Program
- ✓ Increase the local community awareness of the source protection planning process

Key Stakeholders

- ✓ Municipalities
 - ✓ Landowners within highly vulnerable areas that are or could be a significant threat (approx. 1,000)
 - ✓ Landowners within highly vulnerable areas (approx. 10,000)
 - ✓ Bodies responsible for implementation (e.g. individuals, municipalities, agencies)
 - ✓ First Nations
 - ✓ Other: municipal water users, general public
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Source Protection Plan Development

✓ Early Notification & Information Gathering (s. 19) – *March 2011*

- ∅ SPC informed and ready to effectively engage stakeholders
 - Notice of Plan Preparation to municipal clerks, First Nations, any person who is engaging in an activity that is or would be a significant threat, adjacent SPC chairs, planning boards
 - Specify **reasons** for notice (SPC believes person engaging in significant threat activity)
 - Request persons engaged in significant threat activity to **indicate** if activity is governed by **prescribed instrument** & describe provisions

□ *issue press release, prepare fact sheet (What is a source protection plan?)*

Source Protection Plan Development

✓ **Pre Consultation Notices (s. 35 - 39) – April/May 2011**

- ∅ Engage bodies (individuals/agencies) responsible for implementation / enforcement
 - Provide notice along with draft wording of proposed policies, reasons for policies, opportunity to comment
 - Scope of this engagement will not be known until draft policies are prepared

q *feedback through municipal working groups, workshops & meetings*

Source Protection Plan Development

✓ Explanatory Document (s. 40) – December 2011

- ∅ Provides rationale for policies (include prohibition decisions, financial implications, climate change considerations, etc.)
 - publish on internet prior to formal public consultation on Plan
 - make available for inspection by public in one or more location deemed appropriate by SPC
 - q *Conservation Authority offices, municipal offices*

Source Protection Plan Development

✓ **Public Consultation on draft & proposed SPP (s. 41-42) – Jan/Feb & May/June 2012**

- ∅ Modeled after assessment report re: posting on internet, notice provisions, public meetings, etc.
 - for First Nations notice of draft plan: include offer to discuss source protection plan
 - for proposed plan: public and stakeholder comments due in 30 days; source protection authority has discretion to provide longer period for municipalities and First Nations

q *discussion on public meetings, locations for public viewing in mid 2011*

Source Protection Plan Development

✓ Municipality Engagement

∅ Dec. 2 Forum - Peterborough

- General intro & overview of AR
- Input on work to date/Feedback on future involvement

∅ Municipal Working Groups

- Background information on existing bylaws, etc. (Jan/Feb)
- Preliminary development & continuous review of policies (Feb – Aug)
- Monthly meetings at minimum

∅ General

- SPA meetings, presentations to council, etc.

∅ *Threat specific workshops (April/May)*

Updated Assessment Report – May/June 2011

✓ **Public consultation for specific systems with new technical information**

(Havelock, Lutterworth Pines, Batawa/Trenton)

- ∅ Post on internet
- ∅ Public notice of updated AR
 - Newspaper advertising
 - Press release
- ∅ Copies available for review
- ∅ Public meetings

q *organize in conjunction with SPC meetings/hold at municipal office*

Ontario Drinking Water Stewardship Program – 2011

∨ Early Response Program

- ∅ Program startup (spring)
 - application forms, grant flyer, component fact sheets
- ∅ Mailout
- ∅ Landowner contact



General Communications – ongoing

- ✓ **Landowner Contact in Highly Vulnerable Areas**
 - ✓ **Website**
 - ∅ Review of use to date
 - ∅ Update & additions
 - ∅ Members access for background documents
 - Conservation Ontario website/Knowledge Base
 - ✓ **Special events**
 - ✓ **Speaking engagements**
 - ✓ **Internal communications (CA staff, SPAs)**
 - ✓ **Outreach & awareness activities**
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